

A COMPARISON OF THE SALARIES AND PER DIEM RATES OF STATE LEGISLATORS

State	Annual Salary	Session Per Diem (Allowance for Daily Expenses)
California	110,800	\$138 per day for each day in session
District of Columbia	92,500	No per diem is paid
Michigan	79,650	\$12,000 yearly expense allowance for session and interim.
New York	79,500	Varies; tied to federal rate.
Pennsylvania	69,647	\$128 per day tied to federal rate. Can receive actual expenses or per diem.
Illinois	57,619	\$102 per day based on federal rate.
Ohio	56,260	No per diem is paid.
Massachusetts	55,569	From \$0 per day to \$100 depending on distance from Capitol
New Jersey	49,000	No per diem is paid
Wisconsin	45,569	\$88 per day maximum.
Maryland	40,500	Lodging \$96 per day; meals \$32 per day
Delaware	39,785	No per diem is paid
Oklahoma	38,400	\$116 per day tied to federal rate.
WASHINGTON	36,311	\$90 tied to federal rate. (80% for Olympia area)
Hawaii	35,000	\$80 per day for those living outside Oahu; \$10 per day for those living on Oahu
Missouri	32,351	\$76.80 per day tied to federal rate.
Minnesota	31,141	\$66 per day for senators and \$66 per legislative day for representatives
Colorado	30,000	\$99 per day for members living outside Denver area; \$45 for within Denver area
Florida	29,916	\$117 per day tied to federal rate during session.
Connecticut	28,000	No per diem is paid.
Alaska	24,012	\$200 per day tied to federal rate. Residents of the capitol area receive 75% of fed rate
Arizona	24,000	\$35 per day for 1 st 120 days of regular and special sessions. \$10 per day thereafter.
Iowa	21,380	\$86 per day. \$65 per day for Polk County legislators.
Virginia	18,000 Senate 17,640 House	\$130 per day tied to federal rate.
Louisiana	16,800	\$113 per day tied to federal rate. Additional \$6,000 per year expense allowance.
Georgia	16,524	\$128 per day
Tennessee	16,500	\$141 per legislative day tied to federal rate.
Oregon	16,284	\$91 per day tied to federal rate.

Idaho	15,646	\$99 per day for those establishing second residence in Boise; otherwise \$35 per day.
West Virginia	15,000	\$115 per day during session.
Arkansas	14,067	\$110 per day plus mileage tied to federal rate.
North Carolina	13,951	\$104 per day; \$559 per month expense allowance.
Rhode Island	12,646	No per diem is paid
Nebraska	12,000	\$91 per day outside 50 miles from Capitol; \$31 per day if within 50 miles of Capitol.
South Dakota	12,000 For two-year term	\$110 per legislative day.
Indiana	11,600	\$134 per day based on federal rate
Maine	11,348	\$38 per day for housing or mileage; \$32 per day for meals.
South Carolina	10,400	\$95 per day tied to federal rate.
Mississippi	10,000	\$91 per day tied to federal rate.
Texas	7,200	\$128 per day.
Vermont	589 week for session; \$118 for special sessions or com. mtgs.	Federal rate for Capitol; \$69 per day for lodging and \$35 for meals for non-commuters; Others \$35 for meals.
New Hampshire	200 per two-year term	No per diem is paid
Nevada	130 per day; maximum of 60 days of session 7,800 maximum	Federal rate for Capitol area; others paid single-room rate for Carson City for each month of session
Kentucky	170 per day	\$110 per day tied to federal rate (110% of federal rate)
Wyoming	150 per day	\$85 per day; includes travel days for members outside of Cheyenne.
North Dakota	125 per day during session	Lodging reimbursement up to \$900 per month.
Utah	120 per day	\$79 per day tied to federal rate; \$39 per day for meals.
Kansas	83.14 per day	\$91 per day based on federal rate.
Montana	76.80 per legislative day	\$90.32 per day
Alabama	\$10 per calendar day	\$2.280 per month + \$50 per day for 3 days per week that the legislature meets
New Mexico	None	\$146 per day tied to federal rate and state constitution.

Notes:

1. Source for data: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).
2. Washington Legislators rank 14th.

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